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Strengthening CASLE in developing countries in the Commonwealth

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What is a surveyor?

- In a nutshell - a person with skills essential to resource management
- That was in effect a recognition of 2,000 years ago, when Pliny wrote to the Roman Emperor Trajan when trying to sort out revenues in a new province:

“You will consider, Sir, whether it would not be proper to send a surveyor here.”



LOOKING BACK

- **CASLE was founded 40 years ago through the initiative of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).**
- **10 years earlier the then President of the RICS considered the Institution was failing to serve the community.**

RICS President 50 years ago....

- He deplored the lack of research about contemporary and historical facts and trends concerning land, property and buildings “which are the raw materials of our profession”.
- Happily we have moved on and CASLE has been a forerunner.

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- **Recognition of need for research**
- **Entry to the profession by university degrees**
- **Helping with the setting up of degree courses throughout the Commonwealth**
- **Response to the drift from rural life to urban centres**
- **Sustainable development as means of alleviating poverty**

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The disciplines within CASLE

- **Surveying and mapping (Geomatics)**
geodetic, topographical, cadastral, engineering, mines surveys and hydrography; GIS and LIS.
- **Land Economy.** Administration. Management and development; planning; land use; ownership systems; fundamentals of land law; economic and social analysis.
- **Cost control and construction economics.**
Capital costs, financial viability, project management and life-cycle costing.

Application of the disciplines

- **Passing exams is one thing, applying them is another and good training is essential**
- **Then comes experience coupled with the demand of high ethical standards**
- **The disciplines are inter-related and together should be applied not just for clients but for the community at large**

INFLUENCES OF TODAY

- **Population changes**
- **1 in 3 Cwth citizens live in a slum (UNHab)**



Delhi



A major challenge

- 2 billion people in the Commonwealth, half under 25 years of age and 25% under 5 years old
- ***What sort of future do these young people have?***

Global population forecasts

- *Each day* there will be **65,000** more people living in urban areas
- This will continue for a generation
- In graphic terms that means building a city the size of Dar es Salaam **every six weeks** for the **next 20 years**

TENURE

- Equitable access to land remains largely unresolved
- CASLE is a partner with UN-Habitat with the goal that urban and rural poor should have affordable access
- Exploring innovative systems

Missing ingredients

- ***Integrated planning***
- ***Water and sanitation***
- ***Access for the poor***
- ***Sustainability***

CLIMATE CHANGE

- The greatest environmental challenge
- The building construction industry
- Disaster predictions
- Disaster management

Corruption

- A feature of procurement for centuries
- Each stage adds a 'bribery' percentage with final costs double the original estimates
- Major obstacle to meeting needs of so many human settlements



Looking forward

- **As an accredited NGO in special consultative status with UN, CASLE is committed to playing its part in those Millennium Goals relevant to the profession**
- **That means every member must engage in these activities in some way**

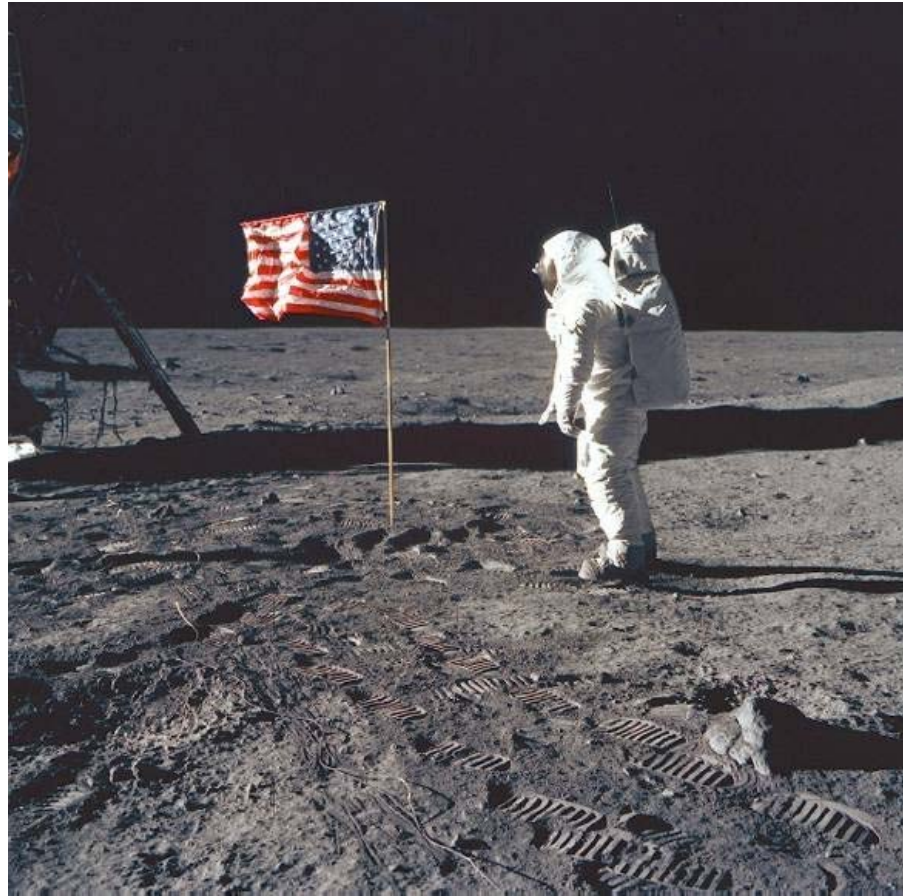
Particular Issues

- Legal security of tenure for all
- Affordable housing
- The enabling framework
- Development that is sustainable
- Partnerships

Message to students

- Knowledge and skills vital but use them for the public good in its widest sense
- Be ready to meet the changing challenges
- In CASLE's 40 years technology has advanced beyond belief since this happened

“One small step for man,
one giant leap for mankind”



Responsibility

- The longer term future of the profession is in your hands
- Pan-Commonwealth organisations such as CASLE need you, and *vice versa*
- Never be discouraged – many small steps have to be taken before a giant leap can be taken

Be prepared

This applies to us all!

Examples

President Opadeyi has developed a benchmarking tool to assist with natural disaster risk management

CASLE's UK member RICS has collaborated on a guide relating to disaster risk reduction and response

CASLE's charitable arms

The Aubrey Barker Fund

bursaries for undergraduates, assistance for projects, the annual CASLE lecture prize of £400 and for a runner-up £200

Commonwealth Housing Trust

assisting with housing for the very poor, e.g. a hostel for disabled children in Kenya, new homes for the Sri Lankan tsunami victims, scheme for Korogocho slums (see brochure)

Ways of strengthening CASLE in developing countries

- **158 countries defined as “developing”**
- **44 are members of the Commonwealth**
- **In 20 of these CASLE has professional society members**
- **Remainder mostly small countries or island states**
- **Regional structure ensures coverage of all within the Commonwealth**

WAYS TO STRENGTHEN

- Maintain links between members and professional societies
- Advocate highest standards of skills and ethics
- Work closely with universities and other teaching bodies, and obtain their corporate membership of CASLE

Ways to strengthen (contd)

- Communicate with central and local governments and provide independent advice on likely effect of proposals
- Liaise with kindred professions especially relating to the built environment
- Ensure feedback to the CASLE office for dissemination in newsletter and website

Ways to strengthen (contd)

- Obtain sponsorship for conferences and special studies
- Organise workshops and seminars in conjunction with academia (e.g. Ardhi, Ulster, Oxford Brookes and West Indies)
- Ensure subscriptions paid on time

Ways to strengthen (contd)

- Create or make full use of relevant websites including www.commpedia.com
- Produce reports and guides on current issues, e.g. disaster management
- Maintain partnership with UN-Habitat especially Global Land Tools Network

Ways to strengthen (contd)

- **Full participation in all activities - read and act upon the information in the CASLE leaflet**
- **Take an interest in the work of the Commonwealth Housing Trust**
- **Find out about the help available through the Aubrey Barker Fund (www.abfund.net)**

LASTLY.....

A few 'guidestars' to remember

Communication

Aspiration

Stimulation

Lumination

Expectation

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